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SUBJECT: INDIAN TROPICAL PRODUCTS AGREEMENT

REF: (A) STATE 74848, (B) NEW DELHI 4248, (C) NEW DELHI 4114,

(D) STATE 41884

1. MINISTRY OF COMMERCE REPLIED TO EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (REF D) ON FRIDAY, MARCH 31. COPIES OF LETTER AND ATTACHED TABLES WERE POUCHED TO STR (LANDE) AND USDEL MTN (GRAEF) SAME DAY. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES THE REPLY.

2. COMMONWEALTH PREFERENCES: ANNEX 1 ATTACHED TO LETTER PROVIDES IMPORT DATA REQUESTED; TOTAL IMPORTS, IMPORTS FROM UK AND IMPORTS FROM US FOR INDIAN FISCAL YEARS 1973-74, 1974-75, AND 1975-76 (IFY IS APRIL THROUGH MARCH). DATA IS GIVEN IN LAKHS OF RUPEES (ONE LAKH EQUALS ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND). EQUIVALENT BTN NUMBERS ARE SHOWN. IMF EXCHANGE RATES FOR THE THREE FISCAL YEARS (AVERAGE OF THE FOUR QUARTERS) ARE ONE DOLLAR EQUALS  
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RS. 7.73, RS.7.98, AND RS.8.65.

RUPEES IN LAKHS AS SHOWN ON TABLE CAN BE CONVERTED DIRECTLY IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS BY DIVIDING BY FOLLOWING CONVERSION FACTORS FOR THREE YEARS: 77.3, 79.8, AND 86.5.

3. IN THE PROCESS OF COMPILING THESE FINAL STATISTICS, MINCOMMERCE RESEARCH OFFICERS HAVE FURTHER MODIFIED THE RITC

ITEMS INCLUDED IN EACH CATEGORY. THEREFORE THEIR FINAL STATEMENT DOES NOT COINCIDE WITH TABLE IN REF C. TOTAL IMPORTS IN 1975-76 CAME TO \$230 MILLION, OF WHICH IMPORTS FROM UK WERE \$33 MILLION AND IMPORTS FROM US WERE \$36 MILLION. REVISED 1975-76 IMPORT DATA FOLLOWS:

VALUE OF 1975-76 IMPORTS (\$ MILLION)

| PRODUCT | TOTAL | FROM UK | FROM US |
|---------|-------|---------|---------|
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| 1. 22(5)(B) | 0.55   | 0.09  | 0.21  |
| 2. 25(4)    | NIL    |       |       |
| 3. EX28     | 120.66 | 10.51 | 20.09 |
| 4. 30       | 3.31   | 0.71  | 0.15  |
| 5. 30(2)    | NIL    |       |       |
| 6. 49(1)    | NIL    |       |       |
| 7. EX49(A)  | 0.05   | 0.04  | NIL   |
| 8. 63(14)   | 13.96  | 3.71  | 0.53  |
| 9. 63(24)   | 0.23   | 0.17  | 0.02  |
| 10. 64      | 3.01   | 1.52  | 0.18  |
| 11. 72(5)   | -      | -     | -     |
| 12. EX72(6) | 3.80   | 0.15  | 0.24  |
| 13. EX73    | 43.83  | 8.10  | 8.49  |
| 14. 73(1)   | 22.43  | 5.33  | 1.54  |
| 15. 73(4)   | 7.63   | 1.01  | 1.64  |
| 16. 75(1)   | 0.50   | 0.12  | 0.03  |
| 17. 75(2)   | 0.75   | 0.03  | -     |

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| 18. 75(3)   | 0.79   | 0.43  | 0.25  |
| 19. EX75(4) | 0.22   | 0.01  | 0.16  |
| 20. EX77    | 7.57   | 0.89  | 2.52  |
| TOTAL       | 229.29 | 32.82 | 36.05 |

4. IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH MINCOMMERCE OFFICIALS CONCERNING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEIR FINAL STATISTICS AND THOSE CONTAINED REF C, THEY EMPHASIZED JUDGMENTAL DIFFICULTIES IN IDENTIFYING RITC NUMBERS WHICH CORRESPOND TO UK PREFERENCE ITEMS, AND COMPUTATIONAL DIFFICULTIES (ALL SUMS PERFORMED MANUALLY).

5. THE MARGIN OF UK PREFERENCES WAS WITHDRAWN IN TWO STAGES: 75 PERCENT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1976, AND THE REMAINING 25 PERCENT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1977.

6. ANNEX 1 INCLUDES ALL UK PREFERENCE PRODUCTS.

7. MACHINE TOOLS: RITC ITEMS DO NOT CORRESPOND COMPLETELY WITH ITEMS PLACED ON FREE LICENSING. BUT IN THE JUDGMENT OF RESEARCH OFFICERS, CORRESPONDENCE WAS CLOSE ENOUGH THAT COMPILATION BASED ON RITC NUMBERS GAVE "ORDER OF MAGNITUDE" APPROXIMATION.

THEIR ANNEX 2 PROVIDES TOTAL IMPORTS AND IMPORTS FROM US FOR  
THREE FISCAL YEARS IN LAKHS OF RUPEES FOR TEN SUB-ITEMS.  
TOTAL IMPORTS IN 1975-76 WERE \$24.5 MILLION, OF WHICH IMPORTS  
FROM US TOTALED \$1.8 MILLION.

8. MACHINERY GENERAL:RITC ITEMS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER  
CATEGORIES THAN THE ITEMS AFFECTED BY GOI LIBERALIZATION IN  
THIS CATEGORY. THEREFORE TRADE DATA AT THIS LEVEL OF SPECIFICITY  
DOES NOT EXIST.

9. SPARE PARTS: PRECEDING PARAGRAPH APPLIES.  
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